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McHugh says
Soldiers are
diplomats

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FORT MAGSAYSAY, Philippines — Army Secretary John M. McHugh met with Soldiers of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, here, Saturday, to discuss the important role they perform when partnering with international allies.



Photo by Army News Service

Army Secretary John M. McHugh speaks with Soldiers assigned to the 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, during Exercise Balikatan at Fort Magsaysay, Philippines, Saturday. The secretary emphasized that Soldiers are goodwill ambassadors.

The meeting comes at the tail end of a three-month, three-country tour known as Pacific Pathways, which led 2nd SBCT through three partnered training exercises.

The brigade first deployed to Thailand in late January for the three-week Exercise Cobra Gold, followed by six weeks in South Korea engaging with its army during Exercise Foal Eagle. It then arrived in the Philippines in early April for the annual Exercise Balikatan, now in its 31st year.

In a small group roundtable meeting with brigade leaders, McHugh received feedback regarding the three-month exercise and whether combining the three exercises provided benefits that outweigh conducting three individual exercises. In a time of budget constraints, the Army is evaluating how to get the most from its training budget.

McHugh emphasized the benefit of U.S. Soldiers having a presence in their partner nations and setting a good example. He said he would like a similar exercise concept expanded to more countries.

“You are the best ambassadors the U.S. has,” McHugh said. “If you look at what we did in Europe, sending a company of just 200 Soldiers on a tour through eastern European countries, they were able to change the mood of entire countries. They established real relationships of trust.”

Pfc. Feliger Ursulum, a civil affairs specialist in the Armed Forces Philippines, said that his experience with the visiting U.S. forces has had a positive impact on the Filipino soldiers and on the local population.

“The interactions I have had during Balikatan have been very good,” Ursulum said. “I wish the exercises were longer.”

Many leaders within the Stryker brigade identified the benefits their experiences here have had on their own Soldiers.

“We have a lot of Soldiers entering our ranks that don’t have deployment experience and I think that when they’re here and they’re executing they get to see the big picture and the why,” said Capt. Savannah Livingston, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment. “They get to see the impact they have all the way down to the youngest Soldiers, and how important it is the role that they play.”

McHugh identified key goals of Pacific Pathways as to increase readiness and develop our partnerships.

“We’re likely to go to war in the future with multiple partners of varying degrees of capabilities,” McHugh said. “It’s much better to work through those knots and kinks in this environment than trying to figure it out after deploying. It makes for a better Army.”

McHugh’s stay included visits to several training events, including watching engineers of the Philippine army use techniques taught by their American counterparts to apply a concrete charge to blow an entry hole in a block wall. After a successful and massive blast, dozens of U.S. and Filipino service members joined in a sprint to the site of the blast to stomp out small grass fires.

After being joined by the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, Philip Goldberg, the assembly moved on to meet with U.S. and Filipino special forces units and viewed a sniper exhibition by the light reaction regiment of the Filipino army’s special operation forces.



Philippine Army engineers assigned to the Post Engineer Detachment at Fort Magsaysay, Philippines, and U.S. Army engineers assigned to the 797th Engineer Company, reconstruct a broken perimeter wall at Calikid Norte Elementary School, Cabanatuan City, Philippines, April 21, during Exercise Balikatan.

U.S., Philippine troops repair school

Story and photos by
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FORT MAGSAYSAY, Philippines — Philippine and U.S. Soldiers were joined by local citizens to make improvements in Calikid Norte, Cabanatuan City, here.

The 797th Engineer Company, 411th Eng. Battalion; 405th Civil Affairs Bn., 364th CA Brigade; the Philippine army’s 7th Civil Military Operations Genuine Well-rounded Advocates of Peace and Order (GWAPO) Bn., Post Engineer Detachment; and members of the local populace joined together during Exercise Balikatan to complete community work projects at the Calikid Norte Elementary School. The joint community relations project focused on addressing areas of greatest

concern to the school administration.

“They are helping the school bring running water into three classrooms, replacing a low-hanging electrical wire and rebuilding part of the perimeter wall that’s in disrepair,” said Capt. Dane Sawyer, team leader, 405th CA Bn.

“It’s a good project to help the students at the school,” said Philippine army 2nd Lt. Gebelly Castigador, community relations officer in charge of the project, 7th CMO, GWAPO Bn. “They could use the water facilities and will help build the school more beautiful.”

Gaudelia Delbaltista, a first-grade teacher at the school, says she and her students are very happy about the projects to improve the school. The faculty was also concerned about the electrical wiring.

“I was scared they might get electrocuted,” Delbaltista said.

Local welders assisted by constructing new wire-hanging points that raised the elevation of the wiring, and Philippine army electricians ran new wiring safely out of the reach of students. The welders also provided assistance to the wall project by building rebar pillars that were later filled with concrete. Local masonry experts joined the project, as well, by rebuilding a broken section of the school’s perimeter wall.

“It improves the security of the building so people can’t get in here and steal stuff,” said Delbaltista. “It also makes the students feel more secure.”

The faculty thanked all of the volunteers who assisted in improving the school.

“The school feels very good and the job

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Comments sought on proposed power plant

**U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII
PUBLIC AFFAIRS**
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Army invites the public to provide input on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the construction and operation of a 50-

megawatt multi-fuel biofuel-capable power generation plant, here.

Known as the Schofield Generating Station Project, the plant would be constructed, owned, operated and maintained by the

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Art courtesy of Hawaiian Electric Company

An artist’s sketch of the proposed 50-megawatt, multi-fuel, biofuel-capable power plant.

Public Meetings

The public meetings will be held as follows:

- May 20, 6:30–9 p.m.
Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria
95-1111 Makaikai St.
Mililani, HI 96789
 - May 21, 6:30–9 p.m.
Wahiawa District Park Recreation Center
1129 Kilani Ave.
Wahiawa, HI 96786
- The meetings will start with informational display viewing at 6:30 p.m., followed by an overview presentation at 7 p.m., and an oral comment period from 7:30-9 p.m.

New DoD tool helps Soldiers navigate education options

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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department continues to invest in its service members and has introduced a new online informational tool tailored to their unique school programs and educational needs.

“Tuition Assistance DECIDE, or TA DECIDE, as we like to call it, is a tool tailored to the unique needs of our service members,” Dawn Bilodeau, DOD chief of voluntary education, said in a news interview this week. It’s designed to support their decision-making in areas such as selecting schools or choosing programs to enroll in, she explained. It came online April 17.

Informing Decisions

“Our military students tend to be part-time students. They’re not going to school full time,” Bilodeau said, “and TA DECIDE is really de-

signed to enable them to search through schools that service members are attending just like them.”

TA DECIDE can provide information on everything from completion rates (likelihood of completing a course) to cost or graduation rates from a particular school, Bilodeau said.

“The benefit of using this particular tool is that you know that the schools that are in there are trustworthy, because we vetted them,” she said. “They’ve signed an agreement with DOD that they’re going to adhere to certain principles of excellence.”

“You can click on ‘Tuition Assistance DECIDE,’ and it will take you right to the tool.”

A Comparison Tool

Bilodeau described TA DECIDE as an informative tool for comparing more than 2,600 schools that are eligible for tuition-assistance benefits.

“It allows service members to search by a whole host of parameters,” she said. For example, Bilodeau explained, service members interested in an associate degree or in a certain program such as accounting or cybersecurity can search by those filters and come up with schools that meet the criteria they see as important.

Tailored to Unique Needs

Bilodeau emphasized TA DECIDE is really tailored toward the unique needs of DOD students. Though the GI Bill Comparison Tool includes 33,000 education and training providers, she said, all of those schools have not agreed to the DOD’s terms, but the schools in TA DECIDE have.

While DOD officials are “really happy” with the launch of this new tool, Bilodeau said, there’s always room for improvement.

“We definitely want to hear feedback from all service members, as well as counselors or even our school partners that are in the field

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Senior leaders address civilian workforce

The 2014 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey results, released by the Office of Personnel Management in October, confirmed that Army supervisor-employee engagement challenges still remain, but it also showed that we're making great strides in the right direction.

We recently released a tri-signed memo to all commanders directing specific actions to improve communication and training for Army supervisors (military and civilian). We want every Army civilian to know that we have a greater understanding of the scope and implications of their concerns. We also wish to assure them that we will continue to set the conditions for further success. Although responsibility for ensuring

positive action and appropriate accountability lies with Army leaders at all echelons, we believe that local-level leaders are best positioned to champion this effort.

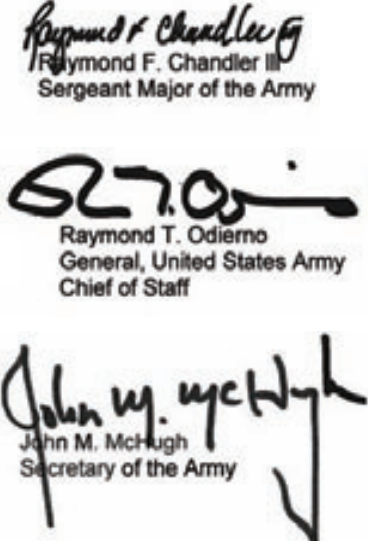
In this effort, two-way communication is a key element to building strong teams. Just as supervisors should keep individual employees informed of their career development and performance, employees should communicate and assist first-line supervisors in establishing performance objectives and developing individual development plans. Such open and continuous dialogue by all parties will ultimately ensure success.

Today, our Army has a highly skilled and motivated civilian workforce that

continually demonstrates an unparalleled ability to provide unique capability and capacity to our deploying forces. The unmatched expertise, stability and continuity are true force multipliers. All of us must continually recommit ourselves to ensuring we have the best civilian and uniformed partnership possible.

Please do your best to ensure that every Army civilian within your command understands our efforts and receives this message. We also highly encourage all Army civilians that receive an invite to the 2015 FEVS survey to respond and let us know how we are doing.

Together, we can work to maintain the enduring strength of our Total Army team. ***Army Strong!***



Be aware of Hawaii's consumer protection laws

How to turn 'lemons' into lemonade

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Thinking about buying a new car in Hawaii?

If so, be aware that different consumer protection laws apply for new versus used cars.

Only new cars are covered by Hawaii's lemon law. Used cars (less than 5 years old, costing more than \$1,500, and those that have between 12,000 and 75,000 miles) are covered by a different set of consumer laws that may provide protections for you. For new cars purchased in Hawaii, this article explains which laws apply and what you can do to protect yourself should anything go wrong with the vehicle.

What cars qualify?
Only new cars and motorcycles bought in Hawaii are covered under Hawaii's lemon law. However, you could also fall under this law's protection if you buy a car from someone while it's still under the original manufacturer's

What is a lemon?
After you've determined you could be covered under Hawaii lemon laws, there are additional criteria that must be met in order for you to seek relief.

Your car must have a nonconformity. It could be a defect, malfunction or problematic condition. After determining a problem, it must be covered by the manufacturer's express warranty, and the problem must substantially impair the use, market value or safety of the car. Also, the problem cannot be due to an accident, abuse, negligence or alterations to the car done by someone other than the manufacturer or an authorized dealer.

Now what?
You must allow the authorized dealer a "reasonable opportunity" to repair the problem, and this attempt must be made during the first two years of owning the car or the first 24,000 miles, whichever comes first. This is called the lemon law rights period.

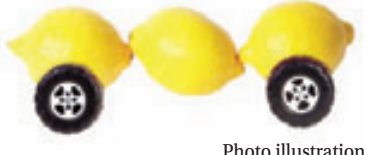


Photo illustration

Not all cars qualify for protection under Hawaii's lemon law



File photo

Understanding Hawaii's lemon law helps consumers make educated decisions when buying a vehicle.

What is a reasonable opportunity to repair?

A reasonable opportunity to repair generally falls into three situations:

- The problem continues after the authorized dealer made at least three attempts to fix it within the lemon law rights period;
- A serious problem, such as one that is likely to cause death or serious injuries if the car is driven, is not fixed after the first attempt by the authorized dealer; or
- The authorized dealer has had your car for 30 or more business days for one or more problems and has not yet been fixed.

What is my next step?

If you qualify for protections under the Hawaiian lemon law, send a letter to the manufacturer (not the dealership)

by certified mail, return receipt requested, within the lemon law rights period and file a demand for arbitration form with the state-certified arbitration program.

Need help getting started?

To schedule an appointment with an attorney to help you fill out forms, gather evidence and receive further guidance on how the lemon law process works, visit the Schofield Barracks Legal Assistance Office at 278 Aleshire Avenue (Bldg. 2037) or call at 655-8607.

For more information about buying a used car in Hawaii, visit <http://cca.hawaii.gov>.



5 STEPS in FAITH

With faith comes the ability to overcome obstacles

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"In the spring of 1977, Rick told his father that he wanted to participate in a 5-mile benefit run for a Lacrosse player who had been paralyzed in an accident.

Far from being a long-distance runner, Dick agreed to push his son Rick in his wheelchair and they finished all 5 miles, coming in next to last. That night, Rick told his father, 'Dad, when I'm running, it feels like I'm not handicapped.' This realization was just the beginning of what would become over 1,000 races completed, including marathons, duathlons and triathlons." (*teamhoyt.com*)

The 2013 Boston Marathon was to be Team Hoyt's last, but instead bombs exploded at the finish line just over four hours after the start, leaving three dead and hundreds injured.

As a result of this, the Boston Marathon was changed forever. Presi-

dent Barack Obama, at an interfaith prayer service in Boston on April 18, 2013, said, "In the words of Dick Hoyt, who's pushed his disabled son, Rick, in 31 Boston Marathons, 'We can't let something like this stop us ... Even when our heart aches, we summon the strength that maybe we didn't even know we had, and we carry on; we finish the race ... Scripture tells us to run with endurance the race that is set before us.'"

The Boston Marathon is a one-of-a-kind event. It started in 1897, inspired by the first modern marathon, which took place at the inaugural 1896 Olympics. It's a race that pushes every part of your being against the 26.2-mile course, which covers eight Massachusetts towns and the "Heartbreak Hill" in Newton, and in 2013, it was altered forever.

For me, personally, Boston is the race to be a part of. It is one of the few races you have to qualify to run. It is the one race where any serious marathoner competes. It is a race to push yourself, slowing, sprinting, climbing and, finally, with one mile left, you make a final turn, past thousands of cheering spectators, and you feel your competitive spirit being released.

Perhaps more than that, it brings the world together. It brings people from



Courtesy photo

The author ran this year's Boston Marathon. It was a chilly 42 degrees with rain and 15 mph wind gusts.

every nation, every disability, to test themselves, and to inspire people. Team Hoyt raced again one last time at Boston in 2014, and they continue to share a story of triumph and the "Yes, I can!" attitude at venues across the nation.

So there you have it, an event that started with a few people now attracts thousands of participants and hundreds of thousands of spectators from all over the world. This event has overcome ob-

stacles and has become the celebration of a nation and in Boston carries the motto "Boston Strong."

Today, when you feel like you need an extra shot of energy, look around "you" and know that faith is the ability to overcome in spite of not being able to see the end. Faith is the ability to triumph when all is lost. No matter what the challenge is, remember:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

—Joshua 1:9

It's our turn now to embrace one another and to hold the world in our hands, because we never walk alone and our victory is our resolve to never give up, so don't lose faith!

(Editor's note: Chaplain Grauer ran the Boston Marathon this year and in 2011. Lt. Col. Dick Hoyt retired in 1995 from the Air National Guard after serving his country for 37 years. He still speaks at venues around the nation to inspire people. The Hoyt Foundation seeks to build the individual character, self-confidence and self-esteem of America's disabled young people through inclusion in all facets of daily life.)

Voices of Ohana

May 1 is "Lei Day" in Hawaii, a day to appreciate island culture.

What do you like about living in Hawaii?

Photos by 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division



"I love the close proximity to the beaches and all of the great hiking opportunities we have here on the island."

1st Lt. Edwin Draughon
S3 Future Operations Planner,
25th CAB



"The tropical weather is my favorite thing about living in Hawaii."

SpC. Julia Edwards
Supply, HHC,
2-25 Avn.,
25th CAB



"Being outdoors. There are so many activities you can do, from watersports to hiking to city life in Waikiki."

SpC. Thomas Mueller
Crew Chief A Co.,
2-25 Avn.,
25th CAB



"I don't care about four seasons. I love the beautiful weather. It's always warm and I'm never cold."

Cpt. Amanda Neutkens
S3 Future Operations Planner,
25th CAB



"It's different from Chicago, where I'm from, but there are tons of outdoor things you can do here that you can't there."

Staff Sgt. Antonio Walton
Motor Sgt., E Co.,
2-25 Avn.,
25th CAB



Family member Cameron Bullock explores the pilot seat of an OH-58D during the 25th CAB’s organizational day, April 22.

CAB holds Aviation Week

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, celebrated Army Aviation Week, April 20-24.

“It was a well-earned week of camaraderie and team building,” said Col. Kenneth Hawley, commander, 25th CAB. “We kicked it off with



Maj. Matthew Scher, 25th CAB operations, plays in the golf tournament scholarship fundraiser, which raised over \$7,000 in scholarship funds for the Aloha Chapter.

our annual CAB run across the airfield, ending with a validation of our bird bath to minimize corrosion of our Soldiers in formation.”

Soldiers participated in a variety events, including the first Wheeler Runway Run 5K race, softball and football tournaments, and the Army Aviation Association of America Golf Tournament Scholarship fundraiser, which raised over \$7,000 in scholarship funds for the Aloha Chapter. The week concluded with an organizational day, said Hawley.

The week gave the 25th CAB Soldiers time to take a break from everyday work to enjoy time with their comrades and families.

“Just seeing the little daughters and sons having fun (experiencing) my profession ... felt pretty good,” stated Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nathaniel Foreman, Troop F, 2-6th Cav.



Company teams enjoy friendly competition during the 25th CAB Aviation Week’s football tournament, April 20. The troops also participated in the first WAAF runway 5K.



Iwalani Gutierrez, Regional SATCOM Support Center Pacific

A rifle detail from Camp H.M. Smith and Marine Corps Base Hawaii commemorate ANZAC Day, Saturday, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. The 10 a.m. ceremony was hosted by Australian Consul-General David Binns and Jane Coombs of the New Zealand Embassy. ANZAC Day began as a way to honor those in the Australia-New Zealand Army Corps who died 100 years ago in World War I at the 1915 battle for Gallipoli, Turkey, and has since been expanded to honor all service members in the Australia-New Zealand Army Corps.

Army regs prohibit eating popular hemp seed health bar

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For anyone who relies on protein bars as an afternoon or after-workout snack, they should be warned about nonmilitary-friendly ingredients in their all-natural selections.

“Strong & Kind” bars, which include Hickory Smoked, Roasted Jalapeno, Honey Mustard, Thai Sweet Chili, and Honey Smoked BBQ, contain hemp seeds in their ingredients. These seeds may contain low levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), a chemical found in marijuana, which the Army believes may be detectable in drug-screening tests.

This ingredient is not included in the Kind fruit and nut bars. A complete list can be found at www.kindsnacks.com.

Army guidelines

The Army’s position on the consumption of hemp seeds, or its derivatives, is similar to its sister services, and follows laws and guidelines set forth by U.S. law enforcement agencies.

DoD regulations are based on several considerations, some of which are U.S. laws. In this

case, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency categorized hemp seeds, “if they contain THC...” as an illegal product. (www.dea.gov/pubs/pressrel/pr100901.html).

So, how can a product designed for consumption legally contain hemp seeds?

In 2004 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a unanimous decision, which DEA did not

appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, protecting the sale of hemp-containing foods. Those foods generally contain naturally occurring THC at less than the USDA guideline of 1 percent. Industrial hemp remains legal for import and sale in the U.S., but U.S. farmers still are not permitted to grow it.

According to University of California at Berkeley, most of the THC found in hemp seeds are located in the seed hulls,

which are removed during processing. Today’s hemp seeds are processed to reduce levels of THC to negligible

quantities, but 15 years ago industrial hemp had higher THC levels and the seeds were prepared differently for processing.

The school’s wellness site also said that companies producing hemp today do so under a voluntary TestPledge program, indicating they follow quality-control practices to limit THC concentrations, so that consumers will not fail a drug test.

However, Capt. (Dr.) Christopher DiPiro at

Ireland Army Community Hospital said that while there are very low amounts of THC in hemp seeds, and although most people will not test positive after consuming the seeds, studies have shown 20 percent of those tested might pop hot after eating them.

He added that consuming hemp seeds is not harmful beyond the possibility of failing a drug test.

Businesses dealing with DoD must be aware of requirements like AR 600-85 para 4-2, (p). Because of this regulation, AAFES does not carry “Strong and Kind” bars, said Chris Ward, a public relations specialist for AAFES, but they do carry the basic “Kind Bars.” And DeCA public affairs specialist Rick Brink added that while commissaries carry “Kind Bars,” they have also chosen not to carry “Kind & Strong” bars because of the hemp-seed content.

“We strive to ensure products do not conflict with published DoD guidance,” Ward explained.

However, military guidance says the consumption of hemp products is off limits, and as such, military personnel and DoD civilians are prohibited from eating such foods.



Courtesy image

“Strong & Kind” bars with hemp seeds in its ingredients are banned because they may contain low levels of a chemical found in marijuana, which may be detectable in drug tests.

8th MPs introduce students to career opportunities

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Members of the 520th Military Working Dog (MWD) Detachment and 74th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, along

explore some of the career opportunities found within the military. “They’ve been very receptive and have asked a lot of questions,” said Staff Sgt. Nathan Stanton, squad leader, MWD.

Stanton’s team demonstrated how fun it was to work with their K-9 partners. He also explained what incredible work and focus went into the de-



Under the guidance of a Soldier from the 74th EOD Co., students from James Campbell High School test their mechanical skills by maneuvering a robotic tool, during a career day, April 9, at Hamilton Field.

with special agents from 102nd Det. (Criminal Investigation Detachment), 19th MP Battalion (CID), 6th MP Group, introduced 50 students to their different skill-sets during James Campbell High School’s career day, recently held on Hamilton Field, here.

The students spent the morning rotating through three different stations in small groups as MWD, EOD, and CID showcased their perspective skills, which allowed the young students to

manding task of training the dogs. “It’s not just playing with dogs. It’s a lot of hard work. Fun, but hard work.” Stanton stressed,

As students went from station to station, some received hands-on training. Testing their agility, students volunteered to be strapped into a bite or bomb suit, and then tried to run.

Others opted for the less strenuous and tested their mechanical skills as they maneuvered EOD’s robotic tools.



Alma Sanchez, a senior from James Campbell High School, is helped into a bomb suit by Soldiers of the 74th EOD Co., 728th MP Btn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, during the school’s career day held at Hamilton Field, April 9 .

Despite CID not having bite or bomb suits, students were still able to get a glimpse into the complexity that is criminal investigations as they viewed CID’s tools and kits. The students found they could not immediately become CID special agents upon entering the military, but they learned the steps to become a special agent.

“The students love this,” said

SaraAnn Kimura-Tung, JCHS’s student activities coordinator. “We’ve been doing this for a couple years now and it’s always a hit with them.”

For most of the students, it was an eye-opening experience.

“It showed the students that what they were learning in school translated into a job in the military,” said Staff Sgt. Russell Grainger, U.S. Army-Hon-

olulu Recruiting Company. Grainger helped Kimura-Tung set up the career day.

Despite the focus on career opportunities, Grainger said it was also about making a connection and fostering a friendship between the high school and the military.

“It’s not always about putting them in boots,” he said.

Biofuel: Input requested on the power plant’s DEIS

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Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) on an 8.13-acre land to be leased from the Army. It would be a secure, inland source of renewable power that would benefit Oahu residents and HECO by supplying power to the islandwide grid during normal operations.

The plant would also provide energy security for Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Field Station Kunia by serving as a backup source of power during power outages. Electricity produced from using renewable biofuels would help the Army and the State of Hawaii achieve its renewable-energy goals.

The DEIS evaluates the impacts of the proposed action and the “no action” alternative on land use; airspace use; visual resources; air quality, including climate and greenhouse gasses; noise; traffic and transportation; water resources; geology and soils; biological resources; cultural resources; hazardous and toxic substances; socioeconomics, including environmental justice; and utilities and infrastructure. Impacts would be less than significant for all resources, and beneficial effects would

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The DEIS is available at the following libraries: Sergeant Rodney J. Yano Main Library, Schofield Barracks; Fort Shafter Library; Wahiawa Public Library; Mililani Public Library; Waialua Public Library; University of Hawaii libraries, to include the Thomas H. Hamilton Library, Edwin H. Mookini Library, Maui College Library, and Kauai Community College Library; Hawaii State libraries, to include the Kaimuki Regional Library, Kaneohe Regional Library, Pearl City Regional Library,

Hawaii Kai Regional Library, Hilo Regional Library, Kahului Regional Library, Lihue Regional Library, and the Hawaii State Library Documents Center; the Legislative Reference Bureau Library; and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services Municipal Library.

The DEIS and additional project information are also available on the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii website at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/schofieldplant.



be expected for some resources.

All individuals and organizations are invited to review and provide comments on the DEIS.

During the 45-day public comment period, April 24 to June 8, 2015, the community can participate in public meetings, submit written comments, or both.

Written comments may be emailed to ssgspcomments@tetrattech.com; or mailed

to Department of the Army, Directorate of Public Works, United States Army Garrison-Hawaii ATTN: IMHW-PWE (L. Graham), 947 Wright Avenue, Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013. All comments must be sent or postmarked no later than June 8, 2015.

For questions regarding the EIS, please contact U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs at 656-3160 or 656-3158.



The 797th Eng. Co. and Post Eng. Det. prep a broken section of a perimeter wall for reconstruction at Calikid Norte Elementary School, April 21.

School: Campus repaired

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done by the U.S. and Philippine (armies) is excellent,” said Delbaltista. “They have really good cooperation and understanding during these projects, and they have really good teamwork.”

The project was possible due to cooperation between the community and the Philippine and U.S. Army.

“The beautiful thing about this project is that it’s completely joint,” said Sawyer. “(Funding) and expertise made it possible to help the safety and future of the kids here.”

“I appreciate the presence of my U.S. counterparts, and I believe the people here are thankful for all the support given to us,” said Castigador.

Tuition: TA DECIDE leverages public information

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and other federal interagency partners,” she said. “We do have some planned enhancements to make it better, but we’re always willing to hear some new thoughts as well.”

Valuable Tool for Counselors

Bilodeau, who has more than 15 years voluntary education experience, said she would have loved to have had TA DECIDE when she was a counselor in the field.

“It allows you to have a one-on-one conversation with that service member about their unique needs,” she said, noting that it helps in navigating the vast amount of information on the Web about schools and universities.

Bilodeau noted 300,000 service members annually use tuition assistance.

“The great thing about this tool,” she said, “is it takes and leverages information that is publicly available from federal entities — recognized sources, we like to

TA DECIDE

Tuition Assistance DECIDE is the website for the memorandum of understanding that participating education institutions sign. Visit www.dodmou.com.



say — so service members can feel confident the information they’re looking at is trustworthy and is the facts.”

Motorcycle safety is a great way to Take a **STAND!**

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There are two critical differences between cars and motorcycles. First, cars don’t fall over. Motorcycles, on the other hand, want to lie on their side. Riders would prefer that the motorcycle stay upright (it’s expensive to repair all the scratches). Riders spend every ride, beginning with their first Basic Rider Course, keeping the tires in contact with the ground, balancing



File photo

The riders in this photo are missing an important piece of gear — what did they forget?

the weight of the bike, or carefully using the side or center stand to park the bike and leave it upright. Stability is the first major difference between cars and motorcycles. Cars are far more stable than a motorcycle in nearly every situation. A motorcycle must be balanced, by the rider or by gyroscopic forces, once the bike begins moving. The motorcycle’s stability depends upon tire traction, steering inputs from the rider and forces acting on the motorcycle like acceleration, braking and turning. The rider needs to constantly manage this stability by estimating traction and the forces that will act on the motorcycle should he do different control inputs. This is the realm of an experienced rider. A basic rider rides the motorcycle and doesn’t think about managing traction and stability. An experienced rider will estimate what could happen, and can rapidly react to an unforeseen issue, like a patch of gravel in the middle of a turn. Technology can also provide some help in certain circumstances. Riders can choose to purchase a motorcycle with anti-lock brakes or traction control. Some systems have become very



sophisticated, though the availability of these systems is limited to select models from a handful of manufacturers. The careful calculation of forces working on the motorcycle cannot be taught in a classroom or training range. Riders must experience and adjust to a variety of situations and speeds. The only way to do this is by riding often and changing the conditions. This is where an experienced rider can Take a **STAND!** and help new riders by suggesting different roads and mentoring the novice rider at a learning pace. The second critical difference is vulnerability. One company patented an airbag system as an optional accessory for its touring motorcycle. A computer and several sensors limited the activation to frontal impacts only. A different approach was to install a compressed-gas airbag in the neck and torso of motorcycle jackets. A key survival technique taught in every basic rider course is wearing good personal protection equipment during every ride. The mantra: “All the gear, all the time.” The basic premise is that the rider is exposed to hazards on every ride, and should not choose different levels of pro-

tection for different trips. Instead, a rider should treat every trip as a potentially hazardous adventure, and wear the best quality and most protective riding equipment they can afford. There is no such thing as an easy fall. This is another opportunity to Take a **STAND!** Sturdy jackets with impact-absorbing armor in elbows, shoulders and spine are available in cool, air-flowing mesh, leather and water-resistant varieties. Not every accident is preventable, but the rider can lessen the likelihood or severity of an accident by understanding and managing stability and vulnerability.

NHTSA

How does this add up? In studies done by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motorcyclists are 20 times more likely than an automobile operator to have a fatal crash each trip that they take. The statistics for non-fatal crashes is much higher. Not all websites agree, but for each trip taken, a motorcyclist may be as much as 30-50 times more likely to have a crash resulting in injury. Visit www-fas.nhtsa.dot.gov.



3rd BCT Broncos’ unique event raises SHARP awareness

Story and photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Sexual assault can reduce the strength of an entire unit, so 3rd Brigade Combat Team “Broncos,” 25th Infantry Division, conducted a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program organizational day, here, at the Quad F, Friday. “Sexual assault prevention is important and we need to get it out of our ranks,” said Sgt. 1st Class Abina Riley, 3rd BCT SHARP noncommissioned officer in charge.. Brigade commander Col. Scott Kelly started off the event by stressing the importance of these types of events and awarding commander’s coins to

several unit victim advocates. “As a leader, I take sexual assault very seriously. Sexual assault is completely contrary to whom we are as professional Soldiers,” said Kelly. He encouraged the Broncos to be the instruments of change. “I know that the Army is changing. I know that we will do what we can to eradicate sexual assault and harassment out of our ranks,” said Kelly. The Soldiers heard a first-hand experience from a guest speaker who had been the victim of sexual assault. “I am here today to tell you that asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength,” said Katie Hanson, guest speaker. No one is immune to sexual assault or harassment, and if anyone thinks that way, they are as naive about the is-

sue as she once was, said Hanson. Once the speeches were over, the Soldiers broke from the formation to take part in the different activities that awaited them. Events included a 4-point relay race around the quad carrying an egg on a spoon, walking several meters with “drunk driving” blood alcohol content goggles on, and carrying a battle buddy. Soldiers’ communication skills were put to test in a “telephone” game where one person looked at a diagram and had to describe it for a team member to draw; after that, the message was relayed between two other people. Smaller events included booths where the Soldiers and their families could get more information on the different programs the installation has to offer.



Broncos sign the SHARP pledge before participating in the brigade's unique organizational day, April 24. The 3rd BCT Soldiers also took part in games and built communication skills.

Public service recognized

PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

News Release

Designated by Congress and coordinated by the Public Employees Roundtable, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) has been celebrated annually during the first week of May since 1985.

PSRW is a time set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. Throughout the country, mayors, governors, agency leaders, communities and public service organizations participate in PSRW by issuing proclamations, hosting award ceremonies and special tribute events, and delivering messages about the value of

public service.

GOVERNMENT WORKS

PSRW will showcase the important contributions public servants deliver on our behalf. We encourage government leaders and public servants from all backgrounds to join us in telling these stories of how government works for the American people and about the types of work they do.

For more than 30 years, the Public Employees Roundtable has served as a coalition of federal, state and local employee and good government organizations representing public employees and retirees across the country.



2015 PSRW initiatives

- Celebration Resources:** Find ideas and resources on how your agency or organization can participate in PSRW at http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org/celebration_toolkit/.
- Faces of Government:** Help us share positive stories of how government works by contributing profiles about government employees and their work and accomplishments. Visit http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org/celebration_toolkit/PSRW_Face_of_Govt_Guide.pdf.
- Public Service White Board:** Join our white board photo campaign on Facebook and Instagram to proclaim “I ♥ public servants because ...” or “I’m proud to serve because ...” Visit:

http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org/celebration_toolkit/PSRW_White_Board_Guide.pdf

•**Public Service 5K Run/Walk:** For supporters in the D.C. area, cap off PSRW by getting some exercise and raising funds for a good cause — the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA). Therace takes place on Sunday, May 10 at 9 a.m. at Anacostia Park. Visit www.publicservice5k.com.

•**PSRW Thunderclap:** Sign up for the PSRW 2015 Thunderclap campaign where a few hundred supporters can spread a message of thanks to millions. Visit: <http://psrw.org> or email publicemployeesroundtable@gmail.com.



Traffic Report lists roadwork, construction and noise advisories from the Army and the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm.

Unless specified, all area codes are 808.

Today
Emergency Repairs — Road work in Kaaawa on Kamehameha Highway that began

Wednesday should be done by 3:30 p.m. today. Lane closures will cover approximately one half-mile between Keo Place

and Trout Farm Road, fronting the Crouching Lion Inn.

The northbound lane will be closed from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Weekly lane closure information will be posted at the HDOT website at <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/roadwork/oahu>.

4 / Monday
Lilienthal Closures — There will be full road closures

on Wheeler Army Airfield’s Lilienthal Road in the housing area, May 4-8. This is the last of multiple road closures scheduled for Lilienthal.

7 / Thursday
Schofield Closures — There will be a weekday road closure, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at Menoher Road, Schofield Barracks, from today until May 22,

and one lane will close at McMahon Road, May 26-29.

Also, there will be a road closure at Carpenter Street, June 1-12, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., weekdays, except Wednesdays, when the closure ends at noon.

Finally, there will be a one-lane closure at Hendrickson Loop, June 15-19.

During this time, work will include asphalt paving cutting;

demolition and installation of concrete curb; work on electrical, water and sewer utilities; and tree trimming.

9 / Saturday
Flats Outage — All of Fort Shafter Flats will experience a power outage from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. to support a flood-mitigation project. A similar outage will occur on May 30.



Send announcement for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Kolekole — The Army Kolekole Walking/Hiking Trail is open this weekend, 5:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. to DOD ID cardholders and their guests. Do not park at the trail from 6:30 p.m.-5:30 a.m. Violators will be ticketed. Use of the trail is permitted only during open hours.

Fingerprinting — The garrison’s Installation Security Office in Bldg. 580, Rm. 130, Schofield Barracks, will be conducting digital fingerprinting of personnel for security background investigations, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.

There is no requirement for appointments. Call 655-8879.

4 / Monday

Fatal Falls — Prevent falls in construction by gaining awareness. Falls are a leading cause of death for construction workers. Visit www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html to learn more about OSHA’s National Safety Stand-Down for today and May 5.

8 / Friday

AG Week — Army Human Resource professionals are invited to participate in Adjutant General Week, May 8-14, beginning with a breakfast, today; sport competitions, May 12; a historical tour, May 13; and a run, university and social mixer, May 14. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/882035121836752/.

10 / Sunday

Prescribed Burn — The garrison will con-

duct an annual prescribed burn of the Schofield Barracks training range complex, May 10-20, in coordination with Federal Fire. The prescribed burn is a proactive safety measure to prevent wildfires during the dry months ahead by reducing highly flammable guinea grass and other vegetation in the area.

12 / Tuesday

CID CoC — The 19th Military Police Battalion (CID) will hold a change-of-command ceremony, 1 p.m., on Schofield’s Hamilton Field. Lt. Col. Michael P. Crane will take command from Lt. Col. Larry C. Dewey. Call 656-3397.

15 / Friday

AG Ball — Attend the Adjutant General Corps’ 240th year Celebration Ball at the Sheraton Waikiki. AGCRA members receive a \$10 discount. There will be several door prizes, and ball tickets are redeemable at several local establishments for discounts.

To purchase tickets, email agcraaloha.chapter@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/882035121836752/.

Legal Brief — The entire Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, to include legal assistance and claims, will be closed.

End of AER — Today marks the conclusion of the 2015 Army Emergency Relief campaign, “Making a Difference.” Donation forms are available at the Schofield Barracks Army Community Service or at any Community Readiness Expo held at the Nehealani on Thursdays.

Return completed donation forms to ACS. Call 655-7132 or visit www.aerhq.org to make an online donation.

25 / Monday

Memorial Day — The garrison hosts a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony, 10 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery. Visitors should enter Schofield via Lyman Gate, off Kunia Road, and provide current ID, registration, insurance and safety check.

Tripler medic gets involved, saves baby in the Bronx

CAPT. JOHN PERNOT
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Tripler Army Medical Center

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER — We’ve all been there. Just out of school, our minds are brimming with new knowledge and our spirits are refreshed with a new sense of purpose.

Such was the case when Tripler Army Medical Center’s own Pfc. Lewis Garcia heard that call.

It was a sweltering summer day on the crowded borough streets of New York City’s Bronx. A recent graduate of the medical specialist (68W) program, Garcia was spending quality time with friends and family before beginning the travel to his first duty station at TAMC. Unbeknownst to him, this day was going to need a Soldier medic.

A passenger in a small car, lost in NYC, on an unfamiliar street, Garcia wasn’t looking for another problem to add to his ongoing list, but one found him. A panicked man was running down the street carrying an infant.

“Somebody help my baby! Is anyone medical?” asked the distraught man.

Garcia heard the call and thought, “I don’t want to get involved, but I have to.” He exited the vehicle and said the words that have brought hope to those in medical emergencies since before the Civil War: “I’m a medic, I can help.”

Garcia took the infant, but wasn’t sure what to



Jim Guzior, Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Pfc. Lewis Garcia, a medic in TAMC’s Medical/Surgical Telemetry Ward, performs his normal duties. On leave in New York City, he used his newfound medical skills to save an infant’s life.

do at first. The advanced individual training for an Army medic isn’t geared toward infant lifesaving measures. Garcia would’ve felt much more at ease with an adult patient, but a sick baby was the hand he was dealt this day and he would have to

search the catacombs of his mind for the lifesaving measures to help the infant survive.

Basic life support was in order; he checked the infant’s circulation, airway and breathing.

“The baby was alert and breathing, but he was

working hard to breathe. He felt really hot, too,” said Garcia.

He activated the emergency medical system, and a city dispatcher gave him instructions on what to do until the paramedics arrived. Garcia took measures to cool down the baby, which lessened the baby’s labored breathing.

The paramedics arrived and took the infant’s temperature — 104 degrees. They believed the baby had suffered a febrile seizure, a condition that can occur in children with fever (greater than 100.4 degrees) typically between 6 months and 5 years old. The baby and mother were taken to the hospital.

Garcia learned something about himself that day.

“This situation showed me that I wasn’t going to be one of those who bail out. I didn’t panic. I was able to stay calm in a stressful situation,” Garcia said.

Garcia’s story reached TAMC commander Col. David K. Dunning, who recognized his display of courage and leadership with a commander’s coin. Even better, the baby recovered without any complications.

Garcia continues to build his medical knowledge and confidence, and hopes his calm demeanor will serve him well in the field of battle if he ever has to answer that call.

MEDCOM goals discussed at ‘High Reliability’ summit

**ANA ALLEN AND
MASTER SGT. ANTHONY ELLIOTT**
Army News Service

HONOLULU — The Pacific Regional Medical Command held its High Reliability Organization (HRO) Summit at the Hale Koa Hotel, April 23-24.

The two-day HRO summit focused on the U.S. Army Medical Command’s goals of being the world’s leader in high-reliability health care and creating an effective culture of safety. Command teams, key PRMC staffers and their medical partners took part in open forum discussions geared at understanding MEDCOM’s expectations when it comes to providing the safest health care possible. The summit marks the fifth HRO conference held across the MEDCOM and brings the percentage of key Army Medicine leaders who are now HRO trained to 100 percent.

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general, provided her vision for the way forward in high reliability health care and demonstrated Army Medicine’s desire to foster a patient-safety environment that achieves zero preventable harm.

“Safety is the fabric and the culture that we want across every aspect of the provision of care. Our pursuit of zero preventable harm is something that is doable. We have been successful in every single mission that we have ever undertaken and this is just one

more mission that we are pursuing,” said Horoho.

During the summit, leaders also discussed the common thread shared by the aviation and health care industries. Both seek to repeatedly accomplish the mission while avoiding catastrophic events, despite significant hazards, dynamic tasks, time constraints and complex technologies.

“It’s about communication, about collaboration and about a significant amount of understanding. In a cockpit, you start talking about who’s flying the aircraft or which way we are going to turn or which emergency procedure we are going to use ... it’s the same thing with the doctor, nurse or the medic as it relates to the delivery of care,” said Brig. Gen. Patrick Sargent, commander, PRMC, and a former Black Hawk pilot.

The HRO philosophy for health care is predicated on the concept that every member of an organization has an equal say in ensuring the safety of patients.

“The concept of the HRO has the preoccupation with doing things much more efficiently and more safely. So in my mind, it will not only enhance the overall delivery and quality of care, but also enhance the proficiency of our medics and doctors when they go out into the battlefield and provide support to our men and women who are in harm’s way,” said Sargent.

Army Medicine is becoming a world leader in HROs .



Master Sgt. Anthony Elliott, Pacific Regional Medical Command

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general, and Maj. Brent Tuma, chief of Quality Management & Assurance Division, Hawaii Enhanced Multi-Service Market, discuss HRO concepts during the summit held at the Hale Koa, April 23-24.

“We’ve made a decision that we will never be satisfied in Army Medicine, we will continually look at how we will get better,” said Horoho.



Legacy of Lei



Courtesy photo

Karen A. Iwamoto, Oahu Publishing Company

Left, Hawaiian lei vendors display their wares in this photo taken circa 1901. May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii, a day to celebrate Hawaiian history and culture.

Above, Nancy Tagawa preps her material during a lei-making workshop Monday afternoon at Manoa Valley District Park. In front of her are panax root, plumeria, ti leaf and bougainvillea blossoms.

Celebrate the lei in the month of May

KAREN A. IWAMOTO
Staff Writer

HONOLULU — In Hawaii, the month of May is synonymous with the lei. These floral garlands are typically given as a symbol of affection to friends or family upon arrival or departure, and can be as simple as a string of plumeria or as complicated as an intricate braiding of flowers, fern and leaves.

Hawaii officially designated the first day of May as Lei Day in 1929. Advertising writer Don Blanding is widely credited with hatching the idea for Lei Day after he wrote a newspaper article suggesting there should be a day set aside for the wearing and production of lei.

However, it was writer Grace Tower Warren that coined the term "May Day is Lei Day" and suggested it be celebrated on May 1.

Since then, during this time of the year, people in Hawaii gather in classrooms and community centers across the state to make lei and learn about Hawaii's history and culture. The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation hosts lei-making workshops at various locations around Oahu in conjunction with May Day.

At Manoa Valley District Park on Monday, Mark Koga



Photo courtesy of City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation

2015 Lei Queen Pomai Akiona. To earn a place on the 2015 Lei Court, Akiona had to demonstrate lei-making and modern hula skills, poise, and ability to speak in Olelo Hawaii (the Hawaiian language).

taught students ranging in age from kindergartners to senior citizens how to make three types of lei:

- **Kui:** In this lei variation, plant materials, usually flowers, are strung together. This type of lei is most familiar to visitors to Hawaii.
- **Hili:** In this lei variation, a single plant material, usually ti leaf, is braided or woven.
- **Wili:** In this lei variation, plant materials, usually flowers and leaves, are placed on a backing of lau ki, lauhala or dried banana leaf and wound with fiber or thread.

"I like (the wili) the best," said Kaia Chow, as she wrapped pink bougainvillea and green panax (a leafy root) into a wili lei. "I like the pretty colors. I like pink." Kaia is from Los Angeles, but her mother, Sarah Chow, grew up in Hawaii and moved her family to Oahu for the year so her children could experience the island culture.

"The funny thing is, initially we were just going to stay for a semester," Sarah said. "But everything was so awesome and then one of my friends said to me, 'If you want to experience Hawaii's culture, you gotta stay for May Day.'"

Also in the Koga's class was Nancy Tagawa, a senior citizen who said that her favorite lei

variation was the hili. She said she was drawn to the simplicity of the single braid and thought it would be a nice lei to give to friends.

"I just have to practice some more when I get home," she said.

The children in Koga's class had the option of submitting their lei into Honolulu's 88th Lei Day Celebration Youth Hawaiian Lei Competition at Kapiolani Park. The competition is part of the city's Lei Day festivities, which includes the investiture of the May Day royal court.

Although the annual Lei Day celebration is the largest celebration dedicated to lei production, there are other upcoming

opportunities to admire or make lei. On Memorial Day, thousands of lei are laid on the gravestones of veterans at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

On Kamehameha Day during the first week of June, the City and County of Honolulu hosts a King Kamehameha Statue Lei Draping Ceremony at Iolani Palace. At the ceremony, lei sewn by the ladies of Ahahui Kaahumanu will be placed on the statue of King Kamehameha fronting the

palace. A similar lei-draping ceremony takes place on Kamehameha Day at the King Kamehameha statue in Kapaau on Hawaii Island.



Courtesy photo

Prince Alexander Liholiho wears a lei garland in this undated photo. May 1 is Lei Day in Hawaii, a day to celebrate Hawaiian history and culture.

88th Annual Lei Day Celebration Schedule

Friday, May 1, at Kapiolani Regional Park

9-9:45 a.m.—Royal Hawaiian Band

10-10:45 a.m.—Na Wahine O Ka Hula Mai Ka Puuwai

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—Investiture ceremony for the 2015 Lei Queen & Court

12:30 p.m.—Official opening of the Lei Contest Exhibit by the 2015 Lei Queen & Court

12:45-4:25 p.m.—Entertainment music and hula featuring Melveen Leed, Mark Yamanaka, Hu'ewa and Halau Hula O Hokulani

Also not to be missed:

10 a.m.-3 p.m.—The Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association will play in the open area between the bandstand and the Waikiki Shell.

1-4:30 p.m.—The Lei Contest Exhibit will be open to the public in the open area between the bandstand and the Waikiki Shell.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.—A village of Hawaiian artisans will offer song, dance, lei-making and lauhala-weaving demonstrations at Kulana Lei at Kapiolani Regional Park.

25th CAB aids North Shore neighbors with clean up effort

CAPT. HEBA BULLOCK

25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD – More than 20 Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers and family members came out to Haleiwa Ali'i Beach to support the North Shore neighborhood's beach clean up, Saturday. The Soldiers and their families walked along Haleiwa Harbor toward Kaiaka Beach Park, picking up debris and rubbish that lay on the beach or within the vicinity of the beach.

"The community members had a very positive outlook," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Margerita Jones, an F Troop, 2-6 Cav. ground maintenance officer. "A couple of the ladies told us that the Army is always volunteering, and they like that we take the time to help the community. We were greeted as soon as we hit the ground here. It was warm and they were happy to see us."

Several of the Soldiers took an opportunity to explain to their family members the importance of giving back and taking care of the environment.

"As we walked along picking up garbage, we explained to our son the importance of keeping the beach and ocean clean," said Jones. "There are a lot of turtles that feel safe to come on the beach, we want to keep it that way."

The 25th CAB strives to remain involved in the community through neighborhood boards and other community projects.

"We serve the people of the United States," said Spc. Kevin Pagan, a D Co., 3-25th Avn. Black Hawk mechanic. "The Army Values say selfless service, and this is something where we can truly show up and give back to our community."

Knowing that aircraft noise on Hawaii can bring some negative attention from the communities, the 25th CAB Soldiers wanted to ensure the community members know they are always here to help.

"We set a good example," said Jones. "There are a lot of bad things that people relate to us. So it was good for us to come out and continue to set a positive image."



Staff Sgt. Sean Everette, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Several 25th CAB Soldiers and their families pick up trash and debris along Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park as part of a North Shore community beach clean up, Saturday.



Briefs

Today

SKIES Dance Classes — Participate in dance at SKIES Unlimited AMR & SB studios. The SKIES Dance program offers a variety of dance classes, including rhythm in motion for 2 years olds; beginner/intermediate dance combo for ballet and tap for 3-5 and 6-9 year olds; hip-hop; and ballroom dancing. Call 655-9818.

2 / Saturday

Free Comic Book Day — Stop by SB Sgt. Yano Library, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and pick up a free comic book. One book per person, while supplies last. Call 655-8002.

Cinco de Mayo Party — Kolekole Bar & Grill hosts an evening of music and light appetizers with sampling of beverages. Cost is \$12 at the door. Call for reservations at 655-4466 or 655-0660.

3 / Sunday

Hale Ikena Sunday Brunch — Every Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., FS Hale Ikena dining room. Reservations recommended; \$24.95 adults and varied children’s prices. Call 438-1974.

4 / Monday

Pau Hana Social — Kolekole Bar & Grill offers end-of-workday food and drink specials, 5-7 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; plus 4-6 p.m., Thursdays.

5 / Tuesday

Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers (ages 3-5) to a free story time at Army Hawaii libraries. There’s a different theme and story each week.
Attend FS library (438-9521), Tuesdays, and SB library (655-4707), Wednesdays, both at 10 a.m.

Mexican Cuisine Lunch Buffet — New Tuesday buffet, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at FS Hale Ikena. Features beef tacos w/fixings, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, buttered corn, soup and salad for \$10.95. Call 438-1974.

Cooking Club for Teens — The FS Teen Lounge is looking for teens who enjoy cooking, want to learn new

BOOK & MUSIC FESTIVAL



HONOLULU — Award-winning authors and live entertainment gather again this weekend, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., **Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3 at the 10th Annual Hawaii Book & Music Festival. Hawaii’s largest celebration of books, music and story-telling in all of its forms features multiple pavilions and stages with more than 100 events throughout the two days. Family-friendly with free admission and free parking in the adjacent municipal lot, the event includes stage performances and readings. Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.**

recipes, want to participate in food tours and shows, and want to earn cooking award points towards reward excursions.
The cooking club meets every Wednesday, 3-4 p.m. Call the teen manager at 438-6470.

Quilting & Sewing Workshops — Learn how to make quilts and enjoy quality time with others at the quilting and sewing sessions, Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m., at the SB Arts & Crafts Center. Call 655-4202.

6 / Wednesday

Military Kids Babysitting Certification — Parent/guardian must register with Army CYS for the, 4-7 p.m., May 6 & 13 course at SB Bennett Youth Center. Follow-up course certification for CPR/First Aid is scheduled for May 20 & 27. Contact CYS Central Services at 655-5314.

BOSS — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are highly encouraged to attend Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday of the month to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Get involved and make a difference.
•North meetings are held at SB Tropics, at 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.
•South meetings are held at FS Bowling Center at 10 a.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday.
Call 655-1130.

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday

night is Keiki Night at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill. Kids under 10 eat for a \$2.99 from the keiki menu from 5-8 p.m. Call 655-4466 or 438-1974.

7 / Thursday

Breakfast Specials — FS Hale Ikena is now serving breakfast, the most important meal of the day. Start your day with a delectable breakfast special at the Hale Ikena. Serving times are Thursdays-Sundays at 7 a.m. Call 438-1974.

Tropical Thursdays — Join the SB Tropics Recreation Center every Thursday for Texas Hold’em. The fun starts at 6 p.m. A free weekly tournament (with no buy in) lets you test your skills against the best of the best Army players around. All ID card-holders 18 and older are welcome. Call 655-5698.

12 / May

Teen Manga Club — SB Sgt. Yano Library Teen Manga Club offers a Manga fix with the regularly scheduled Teen Manga Club, 3-3:45 p.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Members talk about how to improve the manga collection, share artwork and other activities. Open to children ages 12-17.

15 / Friday

AER Early Donation — Donate to Army Emergency Relief through May 15. Donation forms are available at SB ACS, Bldg. 2091, or at the Community Readiness Expo held at the SB Nehelani on Thursdays. Return com-

pleted donation forms to ACS. Contact the AER officer at 655-7132.

Ongoing

Youth Sports Track and Field — Practices are underway for track meets that will be held every Saturday in May at Stoneman Field. AMR/FS practices are 5-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays; SB practices are Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 655-6465 (SB) and 836-1923 for AMR/FS.

CYS Services — The USAG-HI School Liaison Office has opened an office at AMR, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, in Bldg. 1782, next to the SKIES studio.

A Grand Reopening — of the Tropics Snack Bar is planned upon completion, with upgraded food and beverage menus, a new full bar and additional TV screens. Call 655-5698.

KinderJam — High-energy music and movement programs for children 1-5 years of age. Program will be offered on SB, Wednesdays, and at AMR, Fridays. Parent participation is required. Call SKIES at 655-9818.

Yoga Dance Class — Yoga Dance class for 3-18 year-olds and the Art of Middle Eastern Dance for 5-18 year-olds at AMR and SB SKIES Studios. Costs \$35 per month/per child. Call SKIES at 655-9818.

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community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Lei Day Celebration — City and County of Honolulu hosts the 88th edition of this 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. celebration of history and culture at Kapiolani Park Bandstand. Free event features a village of Hawaiian artisans, a lei contest exhibit and food vendors throughout the park. See page B-1 story for more information.

2 / Saturday

MCB-Hawaii Koa Spring Triathlons — Runners big and small, young and experienced, are invited to join Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) at Marine Corps Base-Hawaii, May 2 & 3 for the Koa Kai Sprint Triathlons. Saturday’s event, 7 a.m., is for ages 7-14. Call regarding registration 254-7590.

Hawaii Book & Music Festival — Free two-day event begins Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., on the Fasi Civic Center Grounds next to Honolulu Hale. Features 150 events and 600 presenters, book swaps, author signings, food and entertainment. Visit www.hawaiiibookandmusicfestival.org.

Kuhio Beach Hula Show — Free show, 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue, weather permitting. Call 843-8002. Seating is available on the grass. Cameras are welcome.

6 / Wednesday

Family Night — SB weekly family gathering begins at 5:30 p.m. and is located at the Main Post Chapel. Sessions follow from 6:10-7:30 p.m. Child care is provided.
Some of the classes offered include Financial Peace University, Healthy Living and 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families.
Contact at SB is Deborah McSwain, director of Religious Education, at 655-9198. At AMR Chapel, call 839-4319.

21 / Thursday

TAMC Free Concert — Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel (TAMC), Schofield, and JBPH-H Gospel Service will host a combined revival and free community concert, May 21-23. For more information write rj3cannon@aol.com.

23 / Saturday

Flowers for Fallen — The Girl Scouts are asking for the community’s help to ensure that each of the over 9,000 veterans receive a lei of aloha, Memorial Day, with donations of flowers or helping to sew lei on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. at Windward Mall. Suggested flower donations are blossoms of plumeria, bougainvillea, stephanotis, or crown flowers; stalks of hardy tropical flowers will also be accepted (24-inches maximum).

Ongoing

JROTC Medal Presenters — Seeking active/Reserve officers from all of the uniformed services to serve as volunteer medal presenters for the 2015 Hawaii JROTC awards ceremonies, through May 20. They’re usually held on high school grounds or at community centers in the evening hours after school is out.
Seeking officers “to give back to their community” by honoring those cadets at the top of their class. Contact retired Col. Arthur Tulak at Hawaii@mofwus.org or call 477-8195 during duty hours.

Diana Ross Concert Tickets — Pop legend Diana Ross makes a first-ever concert appearance with Blaisdell Arena shows June 12 & 13. Tickets are available now and begin at \$45 at the NBC box office, 777 Ward Ave. Call (800) 745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

TAMC Arts & Crafts Volunteers — American Red Cross is seeking volunteers for patient and family support. Contact Yolanda Gainwell at 433-6631.

Vehicle Registration — The City and County of Honolulu satellite vehicle registration office at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is open for business, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 915 North Road, Bldg. 1314, in the Club Pearl Complex.
The service is open to all military personnel, their family members and civilians from all military bases with base access.

Tripler Parking — TAMC has opened 121 new parking stalls on the lower level of the Oceanside parking lot. TAMC leaders launched the parking project to help alleviate parking concerns.

Go Akamai — Commuters can now check real-time traffic data at GoAkamai.org, courtesy of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services.

GoAkamai.org is a one-stop website that provides real-time traffic data, enabling travelers to make better decisions when planning their commutes. Travelers are encouraged to check GoAkamai.org before leaving work or home.

Leilehua Parent Teacher Student Organization — Provides a forum to voice concerns, make suggestions and share ideas. Membership drive seeks active

See COMMUNITY CALENDAR B-7

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass
•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
•Sunday services:
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR
- 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
- 11 a.m. at TAMC
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers’ Chapel and 12 p.m., TAMC

Gospel Worship
•Sunday, noon. at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study
•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)
•Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler Annex

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services
- 9 a.m. at MPC
- 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
- 10 a.m. at HMR
- 10:30 a.m. at AMR
- 11:30 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
- 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)
•Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF



Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under realtime movie listing.



The Divergent Series: Insurgent Two
(R)
Fri., May 1, 7 p.m.
Sat. May 2, 7 p.m.

Cinderella
(PG)
Sat., May 2, 4 p.m.
Sun., May 3, 2 p.m.



The Gunman
(R)
Thurs., May 7, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations			
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command	ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA	Recreation	SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division	BCT: Brigade Combat Team	FRG: Family Readiness Group	TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
ACS: Army Community Service	BSB: Brigade Support Battalion	FS: Fort Shafter	USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan	Co.: Company	HMR: Helemano Military Reservation	USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
AFTB: Army Family Team Building	CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services	IPC: Island Palm Communities	WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation	EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program	PFC: Physical Fitness Center	
	FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and	SB: Schofield Barracks	

Stewardship pledged



Braydon Duff, 7, left, and his younger brother, Iayn Duff, 5, participate in a miniature boat race at the April 22 Earth Day celebration at the Kalakaua Community Center on Schofield Barracks. The race teaches children the basics of wind power and hydro power, both of which are sources of renewable energy.

IPC celebrates Earth Day

Story and photo by
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Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Earth Day celebration at the Kalakaua Community Center, here, featured interactive exhibits about recycling, horticulture, renewable energy and ecology—all aimed at teaching visitors about the importance of caring for the planet.

But some of the youngest attendees already understood the importance of Earth Day. In fact, some of them were teaching their peers about how to care for the environment.

“Taking care of the earth is important because it’s where we live,” said 8-year-old William Collins, a third grader at Wheeler Elementary School. “If we don’t take care of the environment, we won’t be able to live here anymore.”

He said he does his part for the environment by volunteering at beach and park cleanups and making sure to recycle cans, bottles and paper whenever possible. His family donates the money they earn from recycling to charities.

Earth Day values

“It helps the kids understand that we need to take care of nature so nature takes care of us,” his mother, Katherine Collins, explained. “We can take actions that make a difference every day.”

Jasmine Dilworth, an 8 1/2-year-old third

grader at Solomon Elementary School, also recycles, but takes it a step further by turning bottle caps into bracelets instead of just throwing them away.

She and Jenna Brooks, an 8-year-old second-grader at Hale Kula Elementary School, were teaching other children at the celebration how to grow simple plants, such as sunflowers, from seed.

“You just press it in with your finger,” Brooks said, demonstrating by pressing her own finger into a miniature plant pot filled with dirt, placing the seed into the shallow indent and carefully covering it with a layer of soil. “Then add some water and give it time.”

She explained that even something as simple a planting a flower makes a difference. “Plants are homes for insects and other living things,” she said. “They help keep the air clean.”

Like Brooks, Collins and Dilworth, those who attended the Earth Day celebration helped to support the Army’s mission to defend the nation by protecting the environment and ensuring future environmental resiliency.

Online

To access the full Earth Day 2015 Army Message, visit http://www.army.mil/article/146961/Earth_Day_2015_Army_Message/.



MEDAL OF HEROISM



Photo by Ret. Lt. Col. Tim Schiller, Mililani High School JROTC

FORT SHAFTER — (Top left photo) Maj. Gen. Lawrence W. Brock III, commander, 311th Signal Company (Theater), right, congratulates Cadet Maj. Brandee Schiller for being awarded the Medal of Heroism. Standing next to Schiller is her brother, Cadet Sgt. Timothy Schiller Jr., whom she saved from further injury when he was caught in heavy surf on the North Shore on Jan. 31. (Top right photo) Right, from left: Fred Murphy, Mililani High School principal; Cherise Imai, Department of Education Military liaison; Maj. Gen. Lawrence W. Brock III; Cadet Maj. Brandee Schiller; Gov. David Ige; and Cadet Sgt. Timothy Schiller Jr. pose for a group photo after Brandee Schiller became the first JROTC cadet in Hawaii to be awarded the Medal of Heroism.

325th BSB Soldiers honor Gold Star keiki, families

SGT. BRIAN C. ERICKSON
3rd Brigade Combat Team,
Public Affairs Office

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — It’s the early part of the afternoon, the Hawaii sun is straight above, and all you hear is the laughter of children as they engage in a water battle with Soldiers.

The Soldiers from 325th Brigade Support Battalion, “Mustangs,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, hosted a Gold Star Family event in Quad E, here, on April 15.

A Gold Star Family is a family that has lost a loved one in service to the nation at any time while on active duty.

“The gold star event is about showing the families that we care, that we are all unified and that they are still part of our military family,” said 2nd Lt. Megan P. Hill, event officer in charge, 325th BSB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID.



Brian C. Erickson, 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Children perform a military exercise called the high jumper in preparation for an obstacle course in Quad E during a Gold Star family event hosted by 325th BSB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, April 15.

Kid friendly

The event kicked off with Mustang Soldiers demonstrating to the

kids how to properly stand in a formation. From there, the children were given the same command the

Soldiers use during daily physical training.

After completing five stretching exercises, the kids were ready for their first event of the day: an obstacle course made up of a tunnel crawl a team litter carry, low-crawling under a rope, 25 jumping jacks and a full sprint to the finish line.

Participant Jared Ignacio proclaimed the obstacle course “great” with the tunnel his favorite part “because it was easy.”

After completing the obstacle course, the children headed off to the battalion’s yellow ribbon room to enjoy some snacks as they colored pictures and used finger paints to design their very own 325 BSB T-shirts.

As the grill was heating up to cook lunch, the children headed back out to the quad to see a static display of training vehicles.

The five featured vehicles included a humvee and a military ambu-

lance. Exploration of the tactical vehicles by the students, up close and personal, was encouraged.

After a grilled hamburger and hot dog lunch the children toured a military barracks room. Inside the room, the kids learned how Soldiers in basic training are taught to make their beds.

The day finished with a trip back to the yellow ribbon room to receive shirts for the award ceremony — but the award ceremony would have to wait.

For the next half hour Mustang Soldiers and the kids engaged in a water fight using water bottles and ice from the coolers.

The children won every water battle, and afterwards recieved an honorary Mustang Soldier certificate.

“This was a great day for all here in the Mustang ohana,” said Lt. Col. Patrick A. Disney, commander, 325th BSB. “We were honored to have our Gold Star families with us today.”



Sgt. Madeleine Morales, a Waipahu native assigned to the Fort Hood WTU, spikes a ball during a game of seated volleyball as part of the Army Trials in Fort Bliss, Texas, on April 1. The Army Trials showcase the resilient spirit of wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and veterans. Morales fights PTSD she sustained from a deployment to Iraq.

Waipahu Soldier offers Army Trials healing ‘glue’

Story and photo by
SGT. MARCUS FICHTL
24th Press Camp, Fort Hood

FORT BLISS, Texas - Walk up to a group of strangers and ask them what brought them together and they'll all point to one person; the glue, the one they all look up to when they're down, because she's up cheering.

Sgt. Madeleine Morales hurts from delayed onset, post-traumatic stress disorder, after a rough deployment to Iraq. Being around a lot of people in tight spaces makes her anxious, but in this tight space, surrounded by people, she's making everyone calm.

Now assigned to the Fort Hood Warrior Transition Unit, Morales fights and treats her PTSD with her Army family. One part of the fight —the cheering part — is the Army Trials at Fort Bliss, Texas, where she competed in events such as track and seated volleyball.

“These games matter, inside and outside of the Army,” said Morales. “There’s cliques, there’s a lot of people who are outsiders, you get PTSD, you get depression, and you get called crazy.”

But she's not crazy, she's a Soldier, a human being and a mother.

Her daughter is back in her hometown, Waipahu, and it's her daughter who is central to her fight against PTSD. Her daughter is what her coach at the Army Trials calls “an apple,” a reason to push forward, to break the limit.

The Army Trials are just that — a reaffirmation of being. While a competition for ill, wounded and injured service members, it doesn't focus on what's missing, it focuses on what they have.

Namely, each other.

Finding support

“Some of us have the same illness, the same pains, and having them and having the support makes us feel like one team. We push each other it's a family,” said Morales.

Sgt. Craig Netter, also from the Fort Hood WTU, affectionately calls Morales his sister ... one who puts a smile on his face every day.

“She's an uplifter. She doesn't let us see her down,” said Netter.

Her actions on the track brought that daily smile to Netter's face.

Morales' foot had been giving her pain throughout the Army Trials, but instead of stopping and taking the easy way out, she pushed through. She watched her fellow

Wounded Warriors, some with prosthetic legs, get up, fall, and then get up again to finish their races. She watched as Netter had a tough time with his races. She wasn't going to let them down.

“I came to the middle of the 100 meter and my ankle collapsed on me,” said Morales. “My daughter and my teammates immediately came to me. I had to finish.”

She finished the 100 meter and then got up and finished the 200 meter.

“She not the one who wants to be No. 1, she's the one who's happy to part of the team, (whether) she's first or sixth, and she's been like that as long as I've known her,” said Netter.

A few hours later, now with her ankle wrapped, she competed in seated volleyball, a version that features a smaller, lower net and the players in a seated position on the court's floor.

The busted ankle gave Morales' teammates another rallying cry.

Defining resilience

Yelling and cheering, one only needs to watch the intensity in Morales' eyes to understand the movement of the game.

Points and sideouts lead to high fives and huddles. As her teammates look to her, she thinks of her “apple” — her daughter.

It's the semifinal game. Morales' team takes the lead, then loses the lead, and then ties it back up. Finally the game reaches its break point.

The opposing team needed only one score to win.

The ball sailed over the net, over the defending team's outstretched arms, and over the court's boundary. The ref whistled and the game was over. Morales' team lost.

It was silent on her end of the court, but she got up, dusted herself off and limped on her injured ankle toward her teammates. They huddled one last time. They yelled together one last time.

They accomplished what they came for ... they fought the pain.

“No matter how hard life is, no matter the pain, if you put your mind to it, set yourself to it and just focus on you, with everyone around you, there's a ton of people who will help you accomplish what you want to accomplish,” said Morales.

Morales still has her “apple” and her team still has their glue.

USE YOUR HEAD WEAR A HELMET



Hawaii Exchanges’ May 9 contest goes ‘to the dogs’

HAWAII EXCHANGE
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Pet owners shopping at the Schofield and Hickam Exchange on May 9 will have the chance to “fetch” a share of prize money in the Patriot Pet contest.

From 10 a.m.-1 p.m. shoppers are encouraged to bring their pet in to compete for the

contest in different categories.

First place will win a \$25 Exchange gift card, 2nd place will net \$15, and 3rd place, \$10.

“Pets are a huge part of our extended Patriot Family,” said the

Hawaii Exchange General Manager Robert Rice. “This contest gives animal lovers of all ages the chance to show others why their two-, four-, six- or even eight-legged friend is such a special part of their home.”

Learn more
Authorized Exchange shoppers can find out more and enter the Patriot Pet Contest at www.shopmyexchange.com/patriot-family.

patriot-family.
For further details, please contact Schofield Exchange at 622-1773 and Hickam Exchange at 422-5395.



File photos

The annual Patriot Pet contest offers Exchange pet owner cash prize opportunities.

Briefs

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- RV/Boat/Jet Ski Lot** — Not enough space? Store your recreation equipment with the Auto Skills Center. Costs \$40 for 16-foot and below, and \$50 for any above 16 feet. Call SB at 655-9368 or FS at 438-9402.
- Auto Repairs** — Services are now offered by Tech-Center Hawaii at the SB Auto Skills Center. Get quality repairs at affordable prices. Call 888-2931 or 769-7454.
- SKIES Unlimited** — Check out the new programs for CYS Services SKIES Unlimited at SB and AMR studios.

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Calendar

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- and no-sweat memberships. Contact Karl Spix, PTSO president, at 255-5082.
- Online Academic Support** — Tutor.com is a DOD-funded resource that provides help in all core school subjects and is offered at no cost to grades K-12 students in U.S. military families.
- Running Club** — Runners and walkers can join the free Hawaii Running Project’s Wednesday Run Club at SB, which meets Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Bowman Field, at the end of Lyman Road. The club runs loops around the base of Kolekole Pass. Workouts can be customized from 2 to 8 miles. Call 655-9123.